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At a recent gathering of SMA party organizers Marshal Sokolovski made a speech, a summary of which is contained in the following paragraphs.

1. American imperialism is endeavouring to establish world domination and for this purpose has embarked on an aggressive international policy. Capitalist fascists have taken over not only America's foreign policy but also the internal administration of the USA. The Marshall Plan as well as all actions taken by the US Government in the western zones of Germany are aimed directly against the USSR. American representatives in the western zones are doing their utmost to support German reactionary movements. There can be little doubt that the great majority of American personnel in Germany are actually fascist sympathizers.
2. It is of the greatest importance that all Soviet soldiers and officers stationed in Germany be thoroughly acquainted with the imperialist, fascist aims of the USA. Much more than that, propaganda should be organized to create absolute and deep hatred among the military personnel against the USA. It must be made clear to them that the USA is no longer a war ally but the enemy of the USSR. This is a new turn in our propaganda policy.
3. In order to properly carry out the best interests of the USSR, we must put an end to all reactionary elements. We must give our support to the People's Congress and all democratic groups. The Marshall Plan should be opposed by all possible means. German economy in the Soviet Zone will be raised. Full support must be given the working classes and the SED. Germany must be re-constructed as a socialist state.
4. In order for us to lend our full support to the policy of the USSR in Germany, we must see to it that our own personnel receives adequate and regular political training. Security standards must be raised to the highest point.

Comment: Prior to Marshall Sokolovski's speech, Political Advisor Simeonov delivered a similar speech in Dresden to all political workers.)

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